GENE EDITING FOR FOXP3 IN HUMAN HSC

Grant Award Details

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Grant Type: Quest - Discovery Stage Research Projects

Grant Number: DISC2-09526

Project Objective: To develop an autologous, gene-modified, HSC cell therapy candidate for treating IPEX Syndrome using CRISPR/Cas9 technology

Investigator:

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Disease Focus: Blood Disorders, Immune Disease

Human Stem Cell Use: Adult Stem Cell

Award Value: $984,228

Status: Active

Grant Application Details

Application Title: GENE EDITING FOR FOXP3 IN HUMAN HSC

Public Abstract:

Research Objective

CRISPR/Cas9 mediated FOXP3 gene editing in patient-derived hematopoietic stem cells as a cure for IPEX syndrome

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FOXP3 mutation in IPEX syndrome leads to immune system dysregulation. Allogeneic HSCT, the only available treatment, has very poor outcomes including GvHD and low immune reconstitution.

Major Proposed Activities

- Demonstrate specificity of targeted insertion of FOXP3 cDNA – ΔNGFR cassette in HD HSCs as assessed by deltaNGFr expression and correct genome integration of the expression cassette.
- Demonstrate that edited HD HSCs maintain their proliferative and differentiation potential in vitro using liquid culture, colony forming cell (CFC) and T cell differentiation assay.
- Reconstitution of immunodeficient (NSG) mice using gene edited human healthy donor HSCs and demonstration of Teff and Treg in vivo development.
- Obtain successful gene editing in IPEX patient HSCs and hu-mouse reconstitution with FOXP3 gene edited HSCs.
- Demonstrate in vivo efficacy by amelioration of IPEX-like phenotypes in hu-mice engrafted with gene edited IPEX HSCs, as compared to those injected with not edited.
- not included

Statement of Benefit to California:

FOXP3 mutation causes dysregulation of Treg and Teff cells leading to immune dysregulation and IPEX syndrome. Using CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing, we will insert a wild type copy of the FOXP3 gene into patient-derived HSCs, enabling pre-clinical proof of concept data for clinical trials that could reduce IPEX patient pathologies. This work will the first-in-man demonstration of the curative potential of edited HSCs and will help maintain California's lead position in Stem Cell research and cure.

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